

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE CHURCH OF GOD HAS NOT CHANGED HER TENETS, TEACHINGS, OR PRACTICES.

Be Up And Watching Unto Prayer

W. L. Ford, Col.

Here are eight states of life that if any man should live in until death overtakes him he shall have his part in the lake of fire.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

Now we notice the word fearful here means ungodly fear and would not only apply to the sinner but to some who have known the Lord in the pardon of their sins. When the disciples of the Lord were only converted they were fearful. Jesus said, Why are ye so fearful. This was before Jesus had shed His blood to sanctify and before He had ascended back to heaven. He said, It is expedient for you that I go away. Jesus went and sent the Holy Ghost back to His believing ones and when they had received the Holy Ghost He shed abroad the love of God in the hearts of the believers. There is no fear in love but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. Now in these last days many have received the Holy Ghost but some have lost their first love causing them to receive a fearful spirit, causing them not to trust God like they should. We who know Christ, let's go on unto perfection in love. Now if we live in this life with a fearful heart until death, our names will not be found written in the Lamb's book of life, causing us to have a part in the lake of fire. Are you fearful?

Next we notice the word "unbelieving." We term one an unbeliever who believes he can be saved from hell without being sanctified wholly thru the blood of Jesus Christ and without the Holy Ghost which speaketh in an unknown tongue, one who doesn't believe in the whole Bible. Now if death comes to divide the soul from the body and finds us an unbeliever, we shall not escape but shall have part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

We also notice the text says "the abominable." This means those who walk, act and live unbecomingly to holiness, women wearing things pertaining to the man, men likewise wearing things pertaining to the woman, also those who are hateful and mean, these shall not escape but shall be punished in the lake of fire and brimstone.

We notice the word "murderers." A murderer is not only one who will take a person's life but whosoever hath his brother is a murderer. Mothers and fathers, don't talk mean to your children and murder their hearts but chastize them in love. If we let death take us out of this world as a murderer, we shall not escape but shall have a part in the lake of fire and be tormented in that flame.

Whoremongers means those who pretend to be married when they are not, one who is not continued with his wife or husband, one who is of low principle and likes to be among that kind. These shall not escape but shall have part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone forevermore.

Now we will consider the sorcerers, those who are possessed with evil spirits, studying and practicing and working the work of witchcraft. Now these shall not escape either but shall have a part in the lake of fire where there shall be weeping and crying.

Now idolaters are those who worship idols. Anyone will be lost if they leave this world in this condition.

All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. A liar is anyone who will tell a thing one way when it is another way, one who will testify he is one thing when he is another. Mothers stand in danger when they tell their children they are going to beat their brains out or skin them alive. The Word says "all liars," this means that all of them shall have their part in the lake of fire. This is the second death. Now let us as Christian workers be up and watching unto prayer, live a life separate from these eight classes if we expect to rise in the first resurrection.

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A Great Fight

T. A. Richard

Text, Heb. 10:32, "But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions."

Illuminate means to impart light, in theology spiritual enlightenment, or filled with the Spirit of God. The writer said, Ye endured a great fight of afflictions, signifying that when we get this blessing we are ready to endure a hard fight against Satan and his forces. There are so many in these last days who are claiming this blessing who can't endure much of a fight. They leave the battle when the fight begins to get hot.

This illumination is power to fight a great fight of affliction. It must come thru sickness or persecutions or our names being cast out as evil. No matter how it comes if we stay humble and obey the Word of God, God will give the victory and we will still fight a good fight and win the victory.

I notice that some people, when in a good meeting where God is blessing and the power is falling, seem to get blessed and shout, dance, and talk in tongues and seem to be happy; but when the test comes they fail to fight the good fight and do not overcome. I notice again that in such services there is a great thrill even to sinners. They look on, I wonder if these who fall so much in their endurance, instead of getting that illuminating power thru the music and the blessings of others, don't get just a thrill.

There is much difference in this illuminating power of God and a thrill. Webster says a thrill is a tremor or quiver or shiver of feeling or excitement saturating the entire body. A

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The Time To Work Is Short

MOBETTIE, Texas—We are praising God for victory at Wheeler. Surely He has done great things for us whereof we are glad. He gave us good results during the revival there, even if the bad weather did break the meeting up at about the end of three weeks. We expect the revival spirit to go on anyway. We were having good crowds and people were getting thru to God when the meeting closed. Seven were saved, one sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost and four were added to the church. We have gained eight new members this year for which we thank the Lord. Brother Wood, our state overseer, set the church in order a little over a year ago with seven members. We now have twenty-four and can truthfully say we have some of the very best material in the church there. We're so glad to have Brother and Sister Broun in our number. They have meant so much to us during the time we've been pastoring there. They know what it means to really pray thru to victory. When we go to church they are always at their post of duty. They are saints that can be depended on. God is blessing them in their work for Him. They have been a blessing to us in many ways and I am sure the dear Lord will reward them over yonder. We truly love all the saints at Wheeler and our prayer to God is to make us a blessing to them and to His cause. Of course the enemy has been against us on every hand but the time came when the Lord got ready to place His name in Wheeler and He is more than a match for the enemy. Truly the little church is rising and shining for Jesus. We believe the time that we have to work is very short indeed. Surely the Lord is getting people ready for His coming. I remember one night of the meeting two young men came to the altar. One prayed thru to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and when he got up from the altar he said, Jesus is coming soon. It seems that this is on the heart of every child of God, Jesus is coming soon.

We thank the Lord for our new church building at Wheeler. Dear saints, everywhere, please pray for us that we will be in the center of God's will. We know that if we are in the center of God's will we can move on for God. We desire above everything to be ready for His coming. Mrs. B. A. Ratchford, Mobettie, Tex.

Explanation

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

The Church of God is still teaching the same doctrine that it taught all the time. We haven't changed our tenets, teachings or practices based on the Word of God. We are still doing business at the same old stand and still uphold the long cherished principles of the Church of God.

Gathering from some reports some seem to think that the Church teaches that no one will be saved only those who belong to the Church of God. The Church has never taught or authorized others to teach a doctrine of this kind. I have never heard any one make this remark from the sacred desk but I have heard of them making this statement and I want to say to the people that the Church does not teach this. We do teach that if we fail to walk in the light as it is shed on our pathway and strictly adhere to the teachings of the Word of God, we will be held responsible. Of course those who teach contrary to the Bible could not expect God's favors.

I think it should be left entirely with the Lord as to whom He will show mercy. Of course there will be thousands who never had the privilege of hearing the Word taught and rightly divided. The Church takes the Bible for their man of counsel and the New Testament for their discipline and practice. We are supposed to rightly divide the Word of Truth. There is not another organization that I have ever heard of or met with that has the Bible rightly divided and strictly adhered to as the Church of God. The tenor of the Scriptures will bear us out in the name without a prefix or suffix. I think that men are out of their place when they try to tell the people exactly whom God will show favor in the day of the resurrection and rapture. It should be our purpose to teach the Word of God, stand true, and lift up a standard for the people, but thousands are failing to keep the commandments as laid down in the Word of God. They will have to answer to God for that. I had some one to ask me, "Suppose you find a body of people who teach the very same thing the Church of God teaches?" I will answer that question by saying, When you do, it will be a Church of God.

We believe that we are in the Philadelphia period and we read in Revelation, third chapter and latter clause

It Was Almost Like Being on the Other Side

Well glory to God, I still have victory in my soul. I am farming this year but preach nearly every Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The Lord is blessing our souls. We had prayer meeting in my home the third Sunday in March. Brother Taylor and three carloads of saints from Coda came over to the Higdon church and the Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. The power would fall and the saints would shout, dance and talk in tongues. Brother Arlie Newman and his string band came and made music for us. It was almost like being on the other side of the river to hear those wonderful songs. One young girl came to the altar under old time conviction. She was crying out for mercy. Several gave their hands for prayer. Brother Taylor brought forth the message. It was grand. Brother B. F. Harris conducted the praise service. After the service at Higdon we went to a neighbor's house and found an old lady bedfast. We prayed for her and she was healed and shouted and praised the Lord. The power fell and the saints shouted. The man of the home said that was brand new to him, he had never seen anything like that before. Well I feel like traveling on. Pray for this place.

I can hardly wait until my crop is laid by to get out in revivals. I will try my best to get loose by the first of July. If anybody needs me to help in or hold a revival the first of July, you may let me know at once as I have all of the time taken up for Aug. I ask all of the saints to pray that my life will be a blessing everywhere I go. I want to do all I can to help spread the gospel for the Lord said this gospel shall be preached to all nations then the end will come. Pray for me. —Your humble brother, R. J. Aldridge.

of verse eight, "Thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." And in the tenth verse, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." The marginal reading is "tribulation."

This could not mean other than the last three and a half years of the seven years of the reign of the beast. We know that we are being tempted and tried now and the general tenor of the Scriptures teaches that we will have trials and tribulations in this world, but this is a special promise to the Philadelphia period and I am sure refers to the rapture. We also teach that the Church is Jesus' body. I think the best thing for the Church of God and her ministry is to leave off such statements as would lead people to believe that we teach that no one will be saved only those who belong to the Church of God, and go in for the salvation of the world, stick to the Word of God, rightly divide it, and leave it with our Lord and Master as to who will be saved. I think we should shun any statements that would gender strife.

The Church does not teach that all who belong to the Church of God as we see it will be in the rapture. In other words, to belong to the church without the Bible experiences would not assure any one of the rapture.

The Church does not teach that you are born into the Church. We believe that you get into the family of God and become an heir to the kingdom thru the new birth and all Christians are the happy recipients of those things. But as to this literal, visible, organized Church, the Scriptures make it plain that God never left man out of His plan and it is too plain to be denied that He has committed His work of redemption and blessings in the hands of men, and that part of it that pertains to the spreading of the gospel and carrying the blessings of full salvation to the lost. The government of His visible Church is made plain in the Scriptures and it is also plain that men have charge of it thru the directions of the Holy Ghost.

I hope that this information will be a help to all those who are inquiring.

Time To Be About Our Father's Business

BOONEVILLE, Miss. — We don't get the paper and I surely do miss it. I am still praising God for salvation. I haven't been in a good Church of God meeting in a good while. I get so hungry to be with the good saints of God. I am still praying to God for Him to use me to His honor and glory. The devil is going around over this land as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He comes in various ways. We have to pray hard to keep him from overcoming us.

I am still thanking God for His wonderful healing power. We prayed for a little girl who had tonsillitis. I promised the Lord if He would heal her I would testify to it. It is wonderful to trust in God.

Friends, we are away over here where the gospel needs to be preached. The people are so hard against holiness. They will laugh and make faces at you when you are warning them to flee the wrath to come. We need your prayers. We would be glad for someone to help us in this battle. Surely we are in the last days when perilous times shall come, when men shall be lovers of self more than lovers of God. There are mockers and scoffers in the land today. So many people in the land don't know God. Most of them profess Him but only a few possess Him. It is time for us to awake and be about our Father's business.

I desire the prayers of God's children for my sister-in-law. She has been sick for almost two months. I know God is still able to heal. Pray for me to be a worker and a soul winner for Jesus. I would enjoy receiving letters from the saints of God. —Yours in the service of God, Miss Bertha Ricketts, Rt. 7.

I Love Government

MARION, Va. — A few words of praise to the saints scattered abroad everywhere in Jesus' name. We are glad to say that we have some victory at Marion, Va. but not what we are looking for. About two weeks ago Brother Helmick from West Virginia launched a meeting at this place with quite a success and got the people stirred. Brother Helmick is a wonderful evangelist and the best I have seen to get people to move for the Lord. God bless Brother Helmick as he journeys on in the service of the Lord. On the fourteenth day of March our dear Brother Vaught, state overseer, stepped into the pulpit at this place with victory, not only in his soul but the power of God in his bones. On last Sunday morning, the 15th, our Sunday School increased from forty-six to sixty in attendance. I wish you could have been here. I always want the power of God in our Sunday School as well as any other service. I have been in the way for fourteen years and always have been zealous over the power but last Sunday morning I got to see the Word of God bring down such power as I had never seen before. I tell you the singing is good and a praise that comes from the singing is good but the real power of God comes thru the Word of God. Oh if we only obey the Word and stay in unity with one another this old earth will quiver in many instances. The Lord loves His people and would give more power if we would love one another. Practicing love would help and get that old long frown off of our faces when we meet and greet one another with a holy kiss, visit one another, not to talk about one another, but to ask the Lord in prayer if He still loves us. Some of us go to church to hear the preacher to get something to talk about as we go home. Many times I get out of the pulpit when I know that some saint has been hit with the Word and I can hear them as

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New Mexico Is Moving On

CARLSBAD, N. Mex. — Dear saints and all, greetings in the name of Jesus. Some time has lapsed since I have written to the paper but we are still on the firing line. Brother Ross Hill, an ex-student of the Bible School, is in the state of N. Mexico helping me. Sister Juanita Kimmel has done some good preaching. Also they have been to a new field to work for two weeks in a meeting. They sowed some good seed that I'm sure will come up later. Brother Fowell is in a meeting at Hobbs. Prospects look good for a work there. I went to Jal, N. Mexico while Brother Hill, Sister Kimmel, Brother T. M. White, Sister Alma White, pianist, and others were there in a meeting, also Hobbs and Artesia. There are prospects for a good work at Artesia. Getting started will be a little difficult because it will take considerable finance but the Lord will surely see us thru.

The work here in Carlsbad is moving nicely. The Willing Workers are a wonderful blessing to the church here. They have done a wonderful work. They got twenty-one dollars for one quilt. They have been putting pies, cakes, candy, etc. on sale in the Safeway store here. Say, what would we do if it were not for our women laborers in the gospel? Thank God for them! I know how to appreciate their help for we surely would have had to stand off the lumber man had it not been for them. Furthermore, March 5 was my birthday and to my surprise they (all the church here) gathered in and gave me a nice shower of pies, cakes, a new pair of shoes, new suit, shirts, hose, supporters, ties, handkerchiefs, etc. Say, I don't care if some of you other churches that have much more finance than this one has would become stirred and do your pastor likewise. It will help him preach better. Let him know you love him and his wife. Pray for us in this new field of labor, for the Church of God must go. — Humbly thy servant in Christ, M. E. Drake, overseer, Box 71.

WHERE ART THOU?

M. E. Drake

For sometime I have been impressed to write on a certain subject. I have neglected to do so but will try now to bring it to you as I have it. My heart has been stirred about these last days and so many beliefs that are in the world. We have so many trying to deceive themselves, making themselves believe we are all in the body no matter what church we join. That is a spirit of deception and is growing more than one thinks for.

Please notice Paul's statement in Eph. 5:29, "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church." Here is a mystery yet not a mystery. Tell me, brother, how you can profess to be a member of the body (church) and have hatred in your heart against another in the same body when hatred is a fruit of the flesh and they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Paul speaks in regard to the gifts that belong to the body (church). Healing, tongues, etc. belong to this body and one who has one of these gifts can't say to another, I have no need of thee, etc. Where art thou? Tell me how you can love that member of the church or body and work against him, talk about him, hurt his influence when the scripture says that when one member is honored the other is honored with it, and when one member suffers the other suffers with it, 1 Cor. 12. Is this so in the present time? or is this the case, when one member suffers the other says, Well he never lived as he should and probably he is suffering because he has sinned? If he had lived as he ought to have lived he wouldn't have gotten sick or had that trial. God help us to see the Bible church and what it should be and must be no matter what it is.

Paul says, "For our comely parts have no need; but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked." The body is tempered together, not separate as some teach no matter what we join we are members of His flesh, bone of His bone. If that is so let's hear from on high and get the message of Ezekiel's prophecy to this valley of dry bones and have a coming together and also get tempered for anything that is not tempered will not stand.

Did not Paul say in 1 Cor. 6:15-17, "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is bound unto the Lord is one spirit."

Where art thou? Have you made yourself the member of something else besides the body (Church of God)? If so, you had better get where you belong.

No man ever hated his own flesh. Paul used the word body to demonstrate the church and its members. When you bruise your finger do you hate it and then bruise it more or do you nourish it? Of course you do. Then what shall we do when one of the members get hurt? Put them out, cut them off? or pray for them and do all we can to save them from being lost? Say, brethren, here is the secret of being the children of God, having love one to another, not for one another but to. You may have a chicken or pie or cake for me but it won't do me any good until you get it to me. See?

Since we have three degrees in the church and the spiritual and those who are not so spiritual we can very easily see where we are when we examine ourselves with the Word. We have those who are saved, those who are sanctified, and those who have the Holy Ghost.

We have in Gal. 4:22, "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a handmaid, the other by a freewoman." V. 23, "But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise." V. 29, "But as then he that was after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now."

Where art thou? You tell me you love your brother and then talk about him and run him down and claim to be spiritual. Jesus taught us, If you

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

We are receiving many orders for Sunday School literature. We are sorry indeed but our supply is exhausted. We printed approximately four hundred more of each quarterly than had been our usual custom to print. We hope our people will bear with us, and we will print enough next quarter to be sure that all may be supplied. We hope that this explanation will be satisfactory.

I have had several inquiries as to whether we were getting pay for the editor and publisher's work. Neither Brother Boehmer nor I are getting a penny for this work. We are doing it because we want to save the Church all we can, and everything is getting along just fine.

I have just returned from the colored convention at Jacksonville, Fla. God was there in much power and the convention was one of the best I ever attended. May God's richest blessings be with Brother Curry and his co-workers.

The coupon drive has been a great success. The equipment for the two bath rooms has been installed at the Boys' Farm and paid for by the Octagon Soap Company. We are making headway on our second drive for sixty beds. I am sure we have over half enough to pay for the beds. We earnestly request our friends to put forth an extra effort in the next few days to raise the amount of coupons that it will take to get the beds. We can get sixty beds and springs for one hundred and eight thousand coupons.

During the past week we have received \$128.50 in subscriptions. Those who sent in as many as four or more are as follows: S. W. Latimer, thirty-nine; Mrs. E. C. Brandburn, nine; Rosa B. Murphy, nine; R. C. Cook, eight; R. E. Blackwood, eight; C. W. Kerce, eight; Mrs. W. M. Flanery, six; Josephine Walker, four; J. H. Griffin, four; Mrs. M. E. Belk, four; W. H. Wolter, four.

The worst days of darkness thru which I have ever passed have been greatly alleviated by throwing myself with all my energy into some work relating to others.

The life of man is made up of action and endurance; and life is fruitful in the ratio in which it is laid out in noble action or in patient perseverance.

A man's labors must pass like the sunrises and sunsets of the world. The next thing, not the last, must be his care.

GOD WILL SUPPLY OUR NEEDS

LEX, Ky.—I am praising God for a full and free salvation. I praise Him because I am blood bought and blood washed and the Holy Ghost abides just now. I want the members of the dear old Church of God to know I am still on praying terms with God and still have victory. There is no church here but one needed very much. A few are holding on but many are scattered and we are hoping and praying that God will send some one our way. The few saints here are not able to support a pastor and collections are very small so it would take some one who was wholly consecrated to God and His work. But God will supply all our needs if we have the faith to trust Him and Him alone. I am the only member of the Church of God here so pray that I may stay in the middle of the road, the center of God's will, where He can use me to His name's honor and glory. Pray also for my un-

Notices & Specials

SPECIAL NOTICE

I wish to state to my many friends that I am not getting a penny from the treasury only that that the Council has arranged for me to get for my labors. It has been stated by some, who I am sure did it to hurt my influence, that I was laying up money, and left the impression that I was getting it from the church treasury. We are trying to use all the economy in the home that we can and have never turned one away who asked for help. I have never asked the treasurer to help me to a dollar. I only receive that that the Council has allowed me.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

Mother's Day issue of The Lighted Pathway is just out. You will miss something good if you miss this issue. Program outline for your Mother's Day meeting is in this issue. \$1.00 per year; 10c per copy. Order from Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

The Jellico district convention will convene at Shipley's Grove July 17-19. We will also have our Sunday School convention on Sunday, July 19. It will be conducted by Brother A. Gann, our state overseer, assisted by Baxter Bryant, district overseer. Everybody is invited and has a hearty welcome. Especially do we want all the ministers in the district to be present. We expect them to be on the program. We want all other ministers who possibly can to attend. We are expecting a good time with the Lord. We intend to have dinner on the ground on Sunday. Everybody come and bring a basket filled with good things to eat.—Baxter Bryant.

WANTED.—A man and wife who are members of the Church of God and can play music and sing to travel with wife and me in evangelistic work. If you are interested, write or wire me at once.—H. L. Knight, % W. A. Sullivan, 349 Barnesville St., Thomaston, Ga.

CORRECTION

The first question in the Sunday School lesson for April 19, 1931 asks, "To whom is the parable especially addressed and what sin does it reprove?" This is a mistake. We do not teach that this is a parable. Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man."

To whom it may concern: I am now in my field of labor. My address is Summit Point, Utah. If there are any Church of God members in Utah or Colorado who would like to have a meeting, we will be glad to get in touch with them. If there are members in other states who have relatives residing in the above named states and you think they would be interested in a meeting, I would be glad to have their addresses.—Yours for the Church of God in Colorado and Utah, E. L. Simmons.

We are expecting a good revival here this summer. We want the dear saints of God to pray for us to gain lost souls. I enjoy the great Church of God paper. I am glad to see somebody holding up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ. I request prayer for this band at Beaverdale. Pray for the Lord to have His way.—A worker for Jesus, Waymon R. Roberts, Rt. 3, Dalton, Ga.

This is to notify everybody, and the members of the Church of God at Baxley in particular, that there will be home coming at Baxley the first Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to to the all day service. Come and bring well filled baskets.—Yours truly, Paul Smith, clerk, Baxley, Ga.

I am ready for calls in the evangelistic work. I stand foursquare for the Church of God and preach the Bible doctrine. Anyone desiring my help pray about it and if the Lord leads, write me.—Yours for lost souls, J. U. Nabors, Thorn, Miss.

To the Church of God at Harlan, Ky.: There will be home coming at the Church of God April 25 and 26. I hope each member will be present at these services. If you can't be present, please let us hear of your spiritual condition. We are expecting a good time at each service and also a large crowd as the weather isn't very cool at this season. We are expecting a large delegation from the adjoining churches.—G. A. Fore, pastor, Harlan, Ky.

This is to notify that F. L. Ryder is no longer a minister of the Church of God, but that his ministerial authority has been revoked for the cause of heresy and wife desertion.—A. Gann.

The Columbus District convention will convene at Thomaston Church of God May 2 and 3. All the church folks in the district are invited to come and be with us. Brother Culpepper, our State Overseer, will be in charge. On May 3 our revival begins. Brother F. A. Hubbell will be in charge. Everybody is invited.—W. A. Sullivan, pastor, 349 Barnesville St., Thomaston, Ga.

I became acquainted with a sister in Flint, Mich. in 1929. Her name was Mrs. Matthis. I held services in her home. She lived on Lewis St., Flint, Mich. She was a dear sister and saved loved ones.—Margaret Morton,

424 Chain Ave.
Mich. I wonder if you could help me get in touch with her. Her home is somewhere in Georgia. Write Pastor W. T. Garland, Rt. 1, Paducah, Ky.

My address is changed from 154 Thorn St., Clarksburg, W. Va. to Box 184 Salem, W. Va.—Faithfully, E. C. Clark.

Please notice that Brother Dave Hudson, 706 N. Main St., Weatherford, Tex., has been appointed as state secretary and treasurer, succeeding Brother L. A. Baker. Please make all remittances accordingly from now on.—S. J. Wood, State Overseer of Tex.

We began a big tent meeting at Alabama City April 14. We have good singing and good music rendered by our string band. We will also have a singing the fourth Sunday afternoon. We invite all who can be with us to come and all who can't be with us please pray for us. The tent is located on Kyle Ave. or the highway from Attalla to Gadsden. Your brother in Christ, S. C. Chambers, 914 Shyanhan Ave., Alabama City, Ala.

The North Carolina state convention convenes at Kannapolis, N. C., beginning Thursday night, April 30 and continuing to Sunday, May 3. Many are looking toward this date with interest and much prayer is being offered for its success. Brother S. W. Latimer, our General Overseer, and also other officials of the church are to be with us. All ministers of the Church of God in the State are expected to be present. Delegates are also expected from each local church. Kannapolis, being located near the central part of the State, can be reached over good roads from most every section. A large delegation is expected. Come, we trust to meet you there.—John L. Stephens.

Montana state assembly will convene June 20-24, inclusive, at Big Timber, Mont. Either Brother Latimer, General Overseer, or his assistant, Brother R. P. Johnson, will be present.—M. L. Lowe.

The third Sunday in May will be home coming day for the Church of God at Eldorado, Ill. We would be glad to have every member present on that day, but if there are those who cannot be present please write a testimony and mail to us to be read to the church. In the afternoon we will have a baptismal service. This will be a great service and a large number will be baptized. All are invited to attend and enjoy the day. Those coming from a distance should bring lunch with them. Don't forget the date and prepare for a feast of good things.—J. P. Hughes, pastor, 2090 Wise St., Eldorado, Ill.

The West Frankfort district convention will convene at Sesser, Ill. May 8, 9, 10. The first service Friday evening will be at 7:30. The convention will close in the evening in time for the folks to get back to their churches for the night service. We will expect the clerks and treasurers to be present with a report of their finance, of what they are doing for their pastor and what they are doing for the state overseer, amount raised for missions, amount sent to state treasurer, amount sent to Headquarters, and give what you are doing for the orphanage in this report. Pastors, bring your church banner with you for the Sunday service as that will be the day for the pastors to report. Other churches are invited to attend from other districts. Our State Overseer will be with us.—J. R. Thomas, district overseer, 204 S. Mulkey St., Christopher, Ill.

To all the Sunday Schools on the Rock Hill district, the District Convention will be at the Church of God at Hickory Grove, S. C. the 1st Sunday in May. Everybody is welcome to come and bring a basket of something good to eat.—J. C. Childers, district overseer in charge, J. R. Mullinax, pastor at Hickory Grove, S. C.

REQUESTS

I earnestly desire every one who believes in divine healing to pray, and fast if you feel led, for the healing of my body. I have been afflicted with a severe stomach trouble and smothering for over a year. I know the Lord can heal me but I am not as strong in faith as I desire to be. I am a member of the Church of God and have the full blessing. I don't get to go to church as I have no way. Pray for me to be healed and that some way will be provided for my family and me to attend services.—A sister under the

Unity and Fellowship Prevailed

HARTWELL, Ga.—The district convention of the Church of God convened at Hartwell Feb. 26 to March 1, 1931. We can't find words to describe to you the spirit of love and fellowship that prevailed throughout the convention. It was the greatest convention ever conducted at this place, considering the weather, it rained most every day. Our state overseer, Brother J. W. Culpepper, was with us and did some good preaching. He seemed to be at his best and we surely did enjoy him being with us. Sunday afternoon Brother Zeno Tharp of Greenville, S. C. was with us. He held the people spellbound for about two hours. Every one present enjoyed his talk on his trip to Palestine.—C. J. Risner.

blood, Mrs. Rosa McManus, McCall Creek, Miss.

I request that the children of God everywhere pray for Sister E. S. Neal. She is very weak and has an awful cough and short breath. She is trusting the Lord. Also pray for Sister Aslee Hall as she is going thru a trial. She belongs to the Church of God and is sanctified.—A sister, F. Joplin, Rt. 2, Forrest City, Ark.

I'm down with pellagra and nervous indigestion that I have had for about four years. Please pray the prayer of faith for me that I may get well and go back to work for the dear Lord. I am an evangelist in the Church of God and love its teachings.—Mrs. Carrie Lee Samples, Gibson, Ga.

Pray for the Lord to send some one here to hold a revival at this place. We hardly ever have any meeting. Pray for me that I may get closer to the Lord and do more for Him.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ella Dickerson, Parrott, Va.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my body and ever keep me in grace, hope, and charity. I am called to work for the Lord. If I am healed I will go where He wants me to go and do what He wants me to do. I am afflicted and am no good to my family nor myself.—J. J. Watson, Mulberry, Fla.

Dear saints, please pray for me as I am in trouble. My husband is losing his mind but God is able to restore it. They are going to send him to a government hospital for treatment. I think by the help of God he will be back in a little while. Have a special prayer for him and remember me in your prayer. I would like to hear from some of the sisters.—Mrs. Elizzie Dixon, 2724 Norwick St., Brunswick, Ga.

I request special prayer for my aunt. She has rheumatism and hasn't walked in several years. She is not a member of the Church of God but I want every saint to pray for her healing. The doctor has given her up. Pray for her.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Alice M. Hawkins, Rt. 6, Dalton, Ga.

I have had a bad cough for about twenty-six years. Now my faith is being tried with weak spells. I humbly ask all who read this and pray to earnestly pray that God will give me faith to be healed and that I'll be faithful to give God the praise. I have been healed several times of other sicknesses.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Brother and Sister Magger, please let me know. We want them to help in our revival this summer.—A sister in Christ, Mary L. McElroy, Rt. 7, Heflin, Ala.

I guess it is not common for a man in prison to write to this paper but I want all who read this to pray for me to get my freedom if it is God's will. I have a brother, sister, and my wife who belong to the Church of God at Altoona, Ala. I am living a saved life but I surely want it all. I believe if I do the will of God I will get it here in prison. I have felt for a long time that I ought to write the saints and ask them to pray for me and that God will take care of my wife and three children while I am away from them.—A man who needs more grace, T. M. Lindsay, Apeigner, Ala.

Please pray for me that I will get to where I can attend church. I am so hungry for a good blessing in my soul. Pray for my husband and children to be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Ettie Hart, Rt. 2, Lumber City, Ga.

My six months old baby has eczema. I ask all who read this to pray a special prayer for her that she may be healed for I know the Lord is able to heal her if it is His will. I want His will to be done, not mine.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Jessie Nelson, Rt. 1, Seagraves, Tex.

I have an unspoken request. I ask all of God's people everywhere to please pray that God will undertake and help.—Your brother in Christ, P. H. J.

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We are very much pleased with the response to the call for penny a day lifters. Muri Jones of Adamsville, Ala. was the first to respond to the call, but others followed close behind her. One young person wrote in saying, "I am not a member of the Y. P. E. May I help?" We consider all young people members of the Y. P. E. if you are interested in the work of the young people. Many of our young people would belong to the Y. P. E. if they could. We consider you just as much a member as those who already belong, because your heart is in the work.

Many letters have come in saying, "We think this is a good plan." Some were from older people.

Come on, young folks, and let us record your name as a lifter, and get to work. Let us sing to the tune of "Love Lifted Me" these words, and imagine it is the old burdensome debt singing at the next Assembly: "The Y. P. E. lifted me, the Y. P. E."

Soul Stirring Sermons Preached

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.—We have just closed a six weeks' revival here which was conducted by our pastor, Brother J. D. Wilson. Many said it is the best revival we have ever had. The Lord was present throughout the revival and blessed wonderfully in each service.

Twenty-six were saved, eighteen sanctified, fourteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fourteen united with the church. Large crowds attended the services and Brother Wilson certainly preached some stirring sermons. The last night about thirty were at the altar and many held up their hands requesting the prayers of God's children.

Our state overseer, Brother Haynes, was with us one night. God wonderfully blessed him and he delivered a good sermon. We are always glad for our dear Brother Haynes to visit us. We also appreciate the interest of the saints from neighboring towns. The pastors of all the churches in this district came, bringing many of their musicians and workers, and were a great help in the revival.

The revival spirit is still on. Two have received the Holy Ghost since the revival closed. Our Y. P. E. is growing and the Lord is blessing the young people. The older brothers and sisters are greatly interested in the work of the Y. P. E. and back us up with their prayers. The house is full most every Sunday evening by the time for young people's meeting to begin.

We are praising God for the way He is working. Pray for the Church of God at Middletown. We want to have more of the fire of God burning in our souls that we might do a greater work for our blessed Lord.—Your humble sister in Christ, Clara Lewis, 320 N. Leibel St.

GET READY

I praise God tonight because I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and on the run for Glory. I am glad of His healing power. Brother Sharp held a two weeks' meeting here. No one received the Holy Ghost but he planted seed in the hearts of the people. Some received the Holy Ghost a few weeks later. It pays to get ready. Pray for us at Mt. Zion church for we need your prayers. Pray for our Sunday School. Pray that the Lord will heal my body for I am looking to Him for all. Praise the Lord! I would like for Brother J. B. Cole and wife to write me.—An humble sister under the blood, Mrs. J. I. Mitchell, Rt. 2, Box 215, Indianola, Miss.

He Still Continues To Bless

CHARLESTON, Miss.—I am praising God today because I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. Also I praise Him for the way He has been blessing us here at Friendship during the past year. Several years ago there was a large church at this place and God greatly manifested His presence among us. Then many of the saints moved away and others drifted away from God until finally there wasn't even prayer meeting or Church of God Sunday School in the community. But at the beginning of last year God made the way for us to have a Sunday School. Brother A. V. Beaubé had a few days' meeting here in March and a three weeks' meeting in June. After much fasting and prayer several were saved, five were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and were added to the church and baptized. Two more have been added to the church since that time. Not only do I thank the Lord for past blessings but I am truly glad to report that He still continues to bless us in the services and also in our homes. Last week our pastor, Brother Beaubé, and Brother Moore came over and had a few nights' meeting. Two received the Holy Ghost. Since the meeting closed one has been sanctified. Surely God is in our midst and I am expecting Him to save many more souls at this place. Truly we can say with David, The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. Pray for the work here and for me that I may be faithful unto the end of the way.—Your sister in Christ, Louise Bell.

Lifted me,
When nothing else could do it the
Y. P. E. lifted me."
Remember it and sing it when you meet in your regular meetings. By faith we believe the old debt is lifted. Next week we will send in the names of the lifters up to date.—Yours for the young people, Alda B. Harrison.

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We are glad to learn that some of our classmates are already on the field of action. We hope to publish accounts of the success and whereabouts of those in evangelistic work soon. Those in revivals, please send in your report so it may be published. We also expect articles from each student. Let everyone do his part. This is your column and it's your duty as a student to help make it worth while. Send all reports to J. H. Walker, % Church of God Publishing House.

We expect to have the catalog-anual published within the next few days. Announcement will be made in this column when they are ready to be sent out.

A SACRED PLACE

Dear Evangel readers and students everywhere, just a few words in behalf of the dear Bible Training School that I love so well. I am sorry I graduated this term as I may not be able to come back again. I can truthfully say the two terms spent here in B. T. S. have been the happiest times of my life. I have been benefited in different ways, especially in spirituality. We have such good Christian influence here where there is so much prayer. In school we prayed six times a day

I Love Government

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they get their crowd and start. They begin to tell about the preacher and how he has hurt the work by the way he preached last night and if I could only have preached I would not have torn the work up. I have always heard that self-praise is half scandal and self-exaltation is a hard fall.

The meeting is going fine. There are several at the altar. God is blessing. I thank God for a man like Brother Vaught that will stand for the Word of God and by his preachers and is not afraid to come help in the time of need and won't sell out when he comes. The preachers love Brother Vaught and Brother Vaught, I believe, loves his preachers. I don't believe he will sell out to the laity. I feel that Virginia is going to move this year as never before. We had a fine service last night. Marion district is growing fast. We have some good prospects for new churches this year. We have gained two new preachers in this district. Brother Vaught gave them an examination last night and I feel we are going to do fine this year if Jesus tarries.

We have a nice little band of saints at Wytheville, Va. We had a few days of service there a few weeks back. God did wonderfully bless and some few were saved. It is a new church but still growing. They are learning to love the Church of God. I tell you it means much in these days to live under government. It is hard to get children to mind father and mother and it is hard for some folks to see they are subject to them that have the rule over them. Please let me make a comparison.

Some railroad experience: It is sweet to eat the Word of God but bitter when we have to live it. In fourteen years of railroad service I was in transportation management, superintendent, road foreman of engines, train masters, dispatchers and superintendent of motor power, these five had authority over me for ten years as engineer and I believe I know what it is to be under government. We had a crew of five which consisted of an engineer, fireman, head brakeman, flagman, and conductor, and if you could see everything move from the call boy to the time we registered out at the round house, you would think government. Even the oil boy has a hand in it. While the engineer oils around, the fireman is getting his fire and stoker ready. The brakeman is lining up the switches to get to the ready track. The flagman is getting his lights ready for the rear, the conductor has gone after orders. I hear the engineer blow the whistle, I see the brakeman wave the engineer ahead, soon they are out on the yard hooked to a long string of cars. I see the air men give a signal to apply the brakes. I see the engineer reach up and get the whistle cord and blow one long blow. Soon the conductor

in concert besides the good times we had in the prayer room during school. I tell you there is no other place in the world I had rather be than right here in school.

I want to live a life so I can be a booster for the Bible School and for Christ. There is not much I can do but we all have one task, that is to live for Christ. We can be a light for Christ wherever we go, speaking encouraging words about the school and for Christ.

I believe if we ever intend to work for God we must be at it now as the time surely isn't long until Jesus will come. Oh God, I want to be ready to go when He comes or calls! I feel more like working for God now than I ever did. It seems like I have a desire to do something for God. I have never felt like this before. About two months ago it came on me all at once. I want to do something for my blessed Redeemer who has done so much for me.

To the young folks everywhere, if you have an opportunity to come to the Bible School, please do not turn the opportunity away for you will always regret it if you do. Come, come, and see for yourself what a good place it is.

It was indeed sad when the time came to say farewell to the schoolroom and to the students. Some, no doubt, we will never meet again. The little schoolroom is a sacred place. We have had so many good blessings from the Lord there. There is where we spent most of our time. It is not such a well furnished room or anything extra in that line but I dare say there is another room the students love as they do that one.

I want all who read this to pray that I can live in such a way that I will be a light for Christ. I want to be able to influence a number of young people to come to B. T. S. Pray much for me.—An ex-student, Jewell Walker, Box 131, Holly Ridge, La.

WHERE ART THOU?

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remember thy brother hath ought against you to go to him, not to peddle the news everywhere else. I'm inclined to believe the son of the bond-woman hasn't been cast out.

We find a lesson on who is who and where art thou in Gal. 5:13-26 about the fruits of the spirit and flesh. "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another." Brother, God is not the author of confusion but of peace. Confusion comes from that one that is born of the flesh and the bondwoman. Any kind of life will do, join anything or church, no difference between the holy and unholy, no responsibility or spirituality, no matter how many times Christ is wounded nor how often the spirit is grieved, no matter who is lost over talk that was out of place, such are they who live after the flesh.

Blessed are the peacemakers, so says my Christ. There are some who don't know the way of peace. They have never sought it nor pursued it. There is no peace to the wicked. In Christ is peace and we are to follow after the things that make for peace. Be at peace among yourselves and the Lord of peace give you peace always. Hallelujah. Where art thou?

The world is looking to the Church of God to do the Bible, not only to preach it but live it. They have become disgusted with holiness so called but are looking for the real. Let us seek after the things that make for peace and see the Church of God go. Pray for us. We desire your prayers. If you become offended, remember there is a place in God we can get that we won't become offended. Psal. 119:165, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."—Humbly thy servant.

Convention Beyond Our Expectation

COPPERHILL, Tenn.—The Copperhill District convention has come and gone. It began Mar. 27 and ran thru Sunday. On account of the weather there were not so many delegates from the other churches in the district but the convention was far beyond our

comes and hands up the orders and we look them over, soon the air men give a signal, brakes are O. K. I hear four long blasts of the whistle, look back to the rear, see a sign from the rear brakeman. I hear the conductor say, Let's go. I hear two long blasts of the whistle and soon we hear the sound of the wheels as they ring on the steel. I love government and when our people get so they love government, I tell you the power of God will fall greater than ever. Jesus says, When I go away these things and greater will ye do. I am looking for great things in the Church of God. IF SO, LET'S GET UNDER GOVERNMENT. DO WHAT OUR CHURCH GOVERNMENT REQUIRES OF US.—District pastor, Alex Shaffer, 209 Park St.

A GREAT FIGHT

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book will excite the reader. You see thrill and illumination work something on the same order, only the illuminating power of God has full joy and the love of God that gives you the very assurance that you are a real child of God. Then when you hear the Word of God it feeds your very soul because thru obedience to the Word you got this great blessing that you love better than your own life, and will think too much of it to be overcome at just little things folks may say about you, and you will praise the Lord right on, knowing you have something for which to praise the Lord. You have obeyed His Word, you have fought the fight, you are an over-comer and you just feel like praising the Lord. But on the other hand the fellow who is just looking for a thrill will go to sleep while you are preaching a good Bible sermon. It doesn't feed him, it doesn't thrill because it is too strong for him. It condemns him and he will sleep or dose until some little song that is quick and peppy is started and he gets his thrill. Maybe he will bounce around awhile then say the song was the very thing and if Brother So and So hadn't started the song the service would have been a failure. The Word of God feeds the sincere soul and he is ready to rejoice in the truth. Let's keep the illumination in our souls and stay equipped for the battle against sin and the wrong and we will be sure to win. Amen.

Victory Is Here

MARKLEYSBURG, Pa.—On Nov. 12, 1930 we opened fire on the devil with the Word of God, uncompromising with the enemy in any way, altho' he tried in every way he could to hinder. But praise the good Lord, we are glad to say God is still on the throne. Bless His dear name. We came to this place and rented a store room, built our own seats, and started preaching the Word in the beauty of holiness. The devil surely got stirred. It seemed sometimes as if we were defeated but trusting in the Lord, we knew He never lost a battle and victory was won.

We mean to press the battle in Jesus' name for we heard the sweet voice of Jesus saying, I am the Lord, follow me. There were over one hundred and fifty saved, eighty sanctified, fifty-one received the precious Holy Ghost and on March 1st we set the Church of God in order with fifty-one members and the foundation is laid, the church is being built and we surely do thank God for the dear Church of God.

We had some of God's precious people to come in and help us, for which we surely were glad. Also our dear Brother H. W. Potat, state overseer, was there to help us. He surely is an humble man and is loved by every one. Oh, how God would bless us when we came together to work for Him.

We also told them about our Evangel, what a wonderful paper it was, and how God did bless the paper. Praise His dear name, God gave us twenty-four subscriptions for this dear paper. We want to see this paper in every home. Please pray for us that we will keep humble at the foot of the cross and be found faithful at His coming.—Yours for lost souls, Brother and Sister Kipe.

We Need Your Prayers

RAYVILLE, La.—I love the dear little paper and enjoy reading it. I can say this morning that Jesus is all and all to me. How I love Jesus! I always find Him a real friend in time of need when we humble ourselves before Him.

We have prayer meeting every Wednesday night. God surely is working with the hearts of men and women, boys and girls. From eight to twelve are in the altar seeking God. It is wonderful to see them seeking God. We need your prayers to help us fight the enemy. He is working hard trying to make some believe we can't live a pure clean life here in this world. God help us to get closer to Thee so we can have more power to fight the enemy! Pray for us over here for we need your prayers.

We have a dear Brother McManus here on whom a tree fell and hurt his back. It looks like we can't get complete victory. The Lord blesses as we meet together from time to time to pray for him but nevertheless it seems like we need more help. We know we have to suffer some for our blessed Saviour and it may be all for the glory of God. We can't tell. Pray for this little band to get closer to God and be faithful workers for Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for me to get a closer walk with my

expectation. We had with us the quartet from the Bible School at Cleveland. We surely did enjoy their good singing. On Sunday night the house was overfilled with hungry people for the old time gospel. They surely did hear some of it delivered by Brother A. Gann, our state overseer, and Brother J. L. Goins of N. Chattanooga. The value of the meeting is untold. After the preachers left for home the people of the town were wanting to know when they were coming back. I feel that the convention was a great victory for the Church of God at Copperhill.—J. A. Tarpley.

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Gloriously Healed

I thank the Lord this morning for old time salvation and for His wonderful healing power. My wife took sick the latter part of February and had to take her bed, and gradually grew worse from day to day. On March 7 it looked like the Lord was going to take her. She had been so weak she could not walk or sit up and three times during the morning at times when she would be unconscious she would get out of bed and start to leave the house and I would have to catch her and get her back to bed. Some of the neighbors said she surely had typhoid fever but we never had any doctor but just looked to the Lord. We had prayed for her about twice since she had been sick but she seemed to get no better, but on this day, March 7, it became evident that if the Lord did not undertake there would soon be another home without a mother and so Brother Frank Huston, pastor of a free pentecostal church here in about one mile of us, came in and said if we wanted him to he would gather in the saints and we would pray for her again, so when they gathered in it looked as tho' death had already laid its hand on her. She could not talk above a whisper, but we went before the Lord in prayer for the healing of her body and I promised the Lord if He would heal her I would testify to it thru the Evangel. As we prayed the power of God came upon her and she talked in tongues. She sang two songs in the Spirit and was gloriously healed. She went one mile to church the blessed Saviour. We would like to hear from Brother J. B. Lucas.—Your brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lairmore.

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Material for this department should be mailed to Zeno C. Tharp,
Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave., Greenville, S. C.

The balance sheet of the Mission Department for last month shows only forty-seven dollars and twelve cents left in the treasure. That is a close margin with missionaries on the field depending on the Church to send them their monthly allowance to meet the obligations that they perhaps have already made. Suppose the receipts are a little short this month? Some one will have to go lacking. I suggest that if you have any money on hand that you send it in at once or if you have been waiting to take up your missionary offering that you take it up now so none of our missionaries will have to suffer.

Some of the pastors may be wondering how they can raise their missionary money. I am not going to tell others how to get their money because what suits me may not suit others, but a few weeks ago our young people at Greenville, S. C. put on a missionary program all of their own. The pastor nor any of the other adults helped them as far as I know. At the close of the service they asked each one present how much they would give to the mission cause and raised more than thirty-six dollars. It was a bad night and the congregation was small but they went over the top and really got more than they expected.

Below is a letter that might be a help to others.

Dear Brother Tharp:
Enclosed you will find five dollars for the mission cause. I have been reading the mission department and God has put it on my heart to send this for sometime, but thought I could not spare it. But I have been troubled in my soul. God says he loves all them that obey Him, and I want His love to rest upon me.

Your brother, Court Foster, Beulah, N. Dak.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR MISSION WORK?

What should we do? What shall we ask? Shall we obey His command given in Matt. 28:19a, and the answers to our questions in our prayers concerning what God would have us do? or shall we persist in having the answers according to our wishes and personal persuasions? Shall we not fear in persisting for an answer according to our ideas, etc. that there is danger in falling into the snares of Balaam? But aren't we glad when we

find (?) that it was really a mistake and that it was not God that called us? and how nicely we cooled off from the peppy feeling we had when we first felt the call? Then after it is really a fact that God did not call us to go, should we not be interested enough to pray earnestly, fervently, expectantly every day for God to help the fellow He did really call to go to obey the call? When we plan on necessities of life do we count how much we can sacrifice to help missions? In buying luxuries do we feel we can deny ourselves and children from one to fifty per cent for the sake of souls? (Of course the one per cent will be rewarded if not choked with the forty-nine per cent.) In case our loved ones, especially our children, should be called, shall we refuse to be willing for God to have His way or shall we reserve them for a better (?) day or purpose? or shall we change the gifts and callings of God? Is the danger not too great to try to thwart His purpose concerning even our own loved ones?

Since it is an evident fact that in calling for missionaries God always draws on a mother's heart, is it not a fact that the same call is to bless another mother's heart? How many bloods did God use to make all nations of the earth? When the church is established among brethren of another nation should they expect the home brethren to keep them up financially or should the spirit of self-support be stimulated among and accepted by them? When the Church of God is established in a remote place and when reverse circumstances try to prevail should the members give way to conditions or various winds of doctrine and let labors be in vain, or like Daniel face the lions and win the victory for God's glory?

Are there any hindering blocks in the church against missions? If so, should not the spirit of prayer and helpfulness dominate each heart till God undertakes victoriously? If God should call some of our leading ministers, should He not be accounted able to raise up others in their stead? Is He not able to qualify the less prominent who will let His hand mold them. The Lord's people are to be a willing people. When a few have willingly done their duty, is it good for the rest to willingly sit idle? Will you pray for this writer to strive lawfully? May God bless every reader to His glory.—D. F. Baldrée.

HE HAS BORNE OUR SORROWS

The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Truly David uttered the sentiment of my heart. Nearly fourteen years ago husband and I surrendered our lives to our God who created us, put all on the altar, gave each other to Him, and thank God, we stood true even down to death, and never looked back. We stood true to the gospel we preached. He was sick ten days and bore his suffering so patiently. He was taken with pneumonia but later developed Bright's disease. Everything that human hands could do was done. How I praise my heavenly Father for the prayers and sympathy that was given me. My heart is broken but Jesus came to heal the broken-hearted. He is acquainted with my grief and has borne my sorrow. How precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. This was true in Mr. Heath's death. Just as breath left him a beautiful glow came over his face and his eyes were on me and sparkled like diamonds as he saw the beauties of heaven. He wanted me to go with him, and thank God, it won't be long, and I am sure he will be there and be the first to welcome me.

We labored together for nearly fourteen years in the gospel. Thirty-five years we were married and I am lonely but Jesus has said His grace is sufficient.

I am now at Cairo, Ga. in a meeting with the pastor, Brother J. A. Hipps. I want to be faithful and true and continue in the work as long as God wants me. I can not express my appreciation of the many letters received. I have tried to answer all of them but have a few yet. I put his body away at Morgantown, Miss. because the people, those in the church and those in the community, begged me not to take his body away. I will be there the rest of this year if it is the will of the Lord. I am doing my

next day and stayed for night service.

I am an evangelist in the Church of God but owing to the great financial depression the country is in and having a wife and five children to support I got in debt and have been striving for sometime trying to get out of debt and have been failing to go for the Lord. It seems I can't get in any better shape to go but rather a worse condition all the time so all who read this please pray for me that I may be able to step out on God's promises and trust Him for I feel like Paul said on one occasion, Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel of Christ. With love to all the dear children of God, your humble brother in Jesus, T. J. Crank, Peevée, Ky.

Good Easter Program

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I am so glad this minute finds me still on pleading grounds with my dear Lord. Our Easter program at Beasley Chapel is in the past but it was just fine. We had recitations by the children concerning our risen Savior who died for us. We also had good music rendered on the organ and violin by Brother and Sister Jackie Burns. We had an interesting play, "The Flower of Love." The children were called to the stage after the play and as the organ played they marched off and each one took their bit of Easter candy from a basket held by the pastor, Brother Beasley. The song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" ended the program. We wish our church here was about twice as large as it was crowded that day. There was hardly standing room. Pray that we will be able financially to make our church larger and seat it. Pray for our dear Sister Lennie Smith. She is very sick. God will have to take hold if she ever recovers. Also pray for me and my home to do the will of the dear Lord.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. Ben Smith.

best to be submissive. I know God wanted him. He is now supremely happy; he has entered into the joys of his Lord whom he loved so well. How precious to me this morning is the blessed Comforter, the Holy Ghost, and the blessed thought of the resurrection. Precious saints of God, be strong, stand true, be obedient. What a wonderful place God has for His children. Keep on the wedding garment. How we loved the dear ones in South Georgia and my heart just yearned for you and that is the reason I am here. I would like to visit each church. I was in the state convention at Fitzgerald, Ga. It comforted my heart to meet those who loved him. Please pray for me. I want to be true to the end.—Yours in Christ, Mrs. S. J. Heath.

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Obituaries

PARKER

On March 16, 1931 the death angel visited the Jones Hospital at Sherman, Texas and claimed for its victim Mrs. Lillie Parker, age thirty-one years, six months and six days. Her home was at Ravia, Okla. where she had lived for the last three years. During this time she had made many friends. She was good and kind to every one. She was devoted to her family and aged mother. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, one little girl nine years old, a precious mother, two sisters, three brothers, other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and her body was laid to rest in the Sherman cemetery to await the resurrection. —Mrs. Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

GREEN

On March 19, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Bob Bly and claimed her mother, Mrs. Catherine T. Green, age ninety-four years, nine months, and twelve days. She was a devoted Christian character. She received the Holy Ghost last Christmas a year ago. She had been sick quite a lot the last two or three years of her life. She said she was anxious to go home to be with Jesus. She will be missed by all. She had many friends. We weep not as those who have no hope for we expect to see her again on Heaven's bright shore. She was the mother of eleven children. Her husband and five children preceded her in death. She leaves six children, fifty-two grandchildren, sixty-two great grandchildren, twenty great, great grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer and her body was laid to rest in the Ravia cemetery. —Mrs. Lillie Lyons, Ravia, Okla.

COSAND

Marjorie Ethel Cosand was born Aug. 23, 1930 and died March 21, 1931, being six months and twenty-six days old. She was sick three weeks. She was cared for in her grandfather's home at 1434 Jane Ave., Flint Mich. She leaves to mourn for her a father, mother, two grandmothers and grandfathers, other relatives and friends. She was not too sweet for this world. We weep not as those who have no hope but we expect to meet her some sweet day. Glory to Him who knows all our sorrows.

Marjorie Ethel, baby dear,
Your stay on earth was not so long;
We loved you much, but Jesus more,
For He took you away to the shining
throne. — Her grandmother, Ethel M. Cosand, 208 1/2 E 8th St., North Platte, Neb.

ANDERSON

Charles T. Anderson was born Oct. 28, 1881 in Fanning Co., N. C. and died March 25, 1931 at the City Hospital at Youngstown, Ohio, being forty-nine years of age. About sixteen years ago he came with his family to Struthers, Ohio where he had made his home since that time. Four years ago he was preceded in death by his wife, Viola Bell Anderson, and a year later by a daughter, Jewell. He is survived by two children, Ruby Haren and Lois Anderson. Although Sister Anderson was a faithful member of the Church of God, Mr. Anderson did not accept Christ until just a week before his death. He was unconscious most of the time but when there was consciousness he would pray earnestly. His suffering was great, due to an abscess on the brain which partially paralyzed his body but he bore it patiently and when his body could no longer hold his spirit he quietly slipped out without a struggle. A heavenly peace settled down upon his countenance and we feel that he has found rest with Jesus. With his passing the Church of God has lost a faithful friend. The funeral was conducted by Brother D. G. Phillips and his body laid to rest in Lakeview cemetery. —Maymie Patterson, 75 Wayne Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

PHILLIPS

On March 24, 1931 the death angel claimed the loving wife of J. B. Phillips. She was married to him May 4, 1911 and lived a true and devoted life to her husband until death. She was saved and sanctified in March 1921 and a little later was baptized with the Holy Ghost and lived it until death. She was born Feb. 23, 1895 in Echols County, Ga. She leaves to mourn her death her loving husband, three sons, three daughters, three brothers, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends. We have a great assurance that she is in heaven with her precious little darling baby that passed away Aug. 22, 1930. We ask everyone who reads this to sincerely pray that God will keep us preserved, shielded, and protected from all harm and danger. We can't express our appreciation toward those who assisted us in our troubles but God knows them all.

There's a great big place
In our home sweet home
That no one seems to fill,
It is the place where
Mother dear used to dwell
But now it is quiet and still. — Her

loving husband J. B. Phillips, and children, 626 W. Pine St., Orlando, Fla.

KEYES

Thelma Keyes, daughter of L. A. and Ida Bell Conner, departed this life to be with Jesus Feb. 13, 1931. She was born at Parama, Mo. March 6, 1908, being twenty-two years, eleven months and eleven days of age at the time of her decease. She was converted when she was about sixteen years of age and united with the Church of God at Christopher, Ill. Thelma was united in marriage to James Keyes Oct. 11, 1930. Their marriage life was short but was filled with much happiness as they were so devoted to each other. She leaves a dear mother and father who will greatly miss her, also a sister, Maurine, who is left without a sister, her loving companion will miss her as he goes on life's journey, also a host of friends. Her friends are numbered by those who knew her. —Mrs. Ida B. Conner, 2854 St. Louis Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

WHITNEY

Nathan T. Whitney, our dear brother and friend, was born Feb. 17, 1867 and died Feb. 5, 1930, age sixty-two years, eleven months, and twenty days. He leaves to mourn his death one sister, two half-sisters, nephews, nieces, and other relatives and friends. He was greatly missed by all who knew him. His good deeds will always linger in remembrance of him. He was always ready to help those who were in need. He was a good neighbor and it was joy unspeakable to hear him pray and sing. His faithful wife, Margaret Ann Whitney, preceded him to the gloryland three years before. She was a Church of God member, filled with the Holy Ghost. They were laid away to rest in the Whitney graveyard to await the coming of Jesus.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled. — A friend,
Celia C. Jenkins, Blond, La.

STEPHENS

On March 20 God with His mighty power reached down and claimed our beloved sister in Christ, Sallie Stevens. She was thirty-four years old and was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a faithful member of the Church of God. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know without a doubt she is at rest with Jesus. She leaves to follow her a husband, six children, two grandchildren, four brothers, three sisters, and an aged father.

How we'll miss her in our meetings,
How they'll miss her in their home,
But we are glad to know that
On this earth she'll never more roam.
—A sister in Christ, Katie Belle NeSmith.

HUGHES

On March 18, 1931 death visited the home of E. M. Back at Franklin, Ohio and claimed our dear father, Christopher Hughes, age seventy-five years and eight months. He was bedfast almost two years. He was saved and sanctified and left this old world happy. We expect to meet him in heaven where we will never part. His funeral was conducted by Brother Jeff Wilson, pastor of the Church of God at Middletown, Ohio, and his body was laid to rest in the Franklin cemetery to await the resurrection. He leaves to mourn one sister, three boys, and four girls and a host of friends. —His son, Curtis Hughes, Orland, Ind.

WADDELL

On Feb. 27, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Waddell near Crowder, Miss. and claimed for its own their one little jewel, little Christine Elizabeth. We know she has only gone to sleep to awake in heaven where her father, mother, and loved ones can meet her there.

Her stay with us was so short, only ten days, but our loss is heaven's gain.
Our sorrows and our tears we pour
Into the bosom of our God;
He hears us in that mournful hour
And helps us bear the heavy load. —
Her cousin, Mrs. Estelle Holloway, Rt. 3, Box 124, Clarksdale, Miss.

Many Souls Accepted And Were Made Free

The tent meeting that has been in progress for six weeks at Homerville, Ga. has come to a close. Brother C. G. Coggins of North Carolina and Y. E. McNeir and wife and daughter were in charge. After the third week E. L. Moore of Cleveland, Tenn. joined them and remained until the close of the meeting. Brother E. B. Culpepper was with us the last Saturday night and preached a wonderful sermon. The Swaggerty string band from Tennessee was with us in this special service and rendered some music and singing that was appreciated by all. God helped His ministers to deliver His message there and many souls accepted and were made free from sin and filled with the joy of the Lord.

Ranger District Convention

RANGER, TEXAS -- Mar. 27, 28, 29 was the date set for the Ranger District convention. We had looked forward to this time, planning and arranging for several visitors and for a great feast from the Lord; but on Thursday before the convention was to open the following day the coldest blizzard that Texas has witnessed all winter struck, bringing snow, sleet and a very strong north wind, freezing and killing fruit, gardens, and flowers. All of this brought some doubt to our minds. We were afraid the cold weather would keep the people at home. But surely this was a time a great number of God's children proved that this salvation doesn't freeze over.

The people began to come in Friday thru the cold bringing fire and glory and the presence of God. Brother Atkins and family and Brother Bird Cozle from Mt. Vernon, nearly three hundred miles east of this place, drove all day to get to be in the first service of the convention. Brother Gray and family from Parma, Texas, about two hundred and eighty miles out on the plains, were here Friday night for the first service. Brother Jack M. Cockrell from Mineral Wells, Brother and Sister G. G. Asher from Ft. Worth were here, and of course our state overseer, Brother S. J. Wood, and family were here Friday night. There were visitors from Strawn, Desdemona and Eastland in spite of the cold, freezing weather. Brother S. J. Wood brought the message Friday night on "Sinning Against The Holy Ghost." By this time our doubts had vanished and we had begun to believe the convention would not be a failure and that God has some children who will serve Him tho' He slay us.

Saturday the weather had begun to fair up a little. We had ten o'clock service with a goodly number present. Brother Wood preached on "The Church of God." Saturday evening the people were still coming in. Miss Jaunita Kimmel and Brother Jester Kimmel and family from Jal. N. Mex. were with us Saturday night, also Brother and Sister J. C. Coats from Weatherford, Texas. The house was filled with saints of God from far and near and best of all the presence of God was with us. Brother Coats brought another message on "The Church of God."

Sunday morning at ten o'clock we had the report of some of the churches in the district. At eleven o'clock Brother G. G. Asher brought a message on "A Holy People." Then more of the churches reported. At one o'clock we adjourned and enjoyed a good dinner. At two-thirty o'clock the other churches reported. One was a new church with a goodly number present who had the presence of the Lord with them. At three o'clock Brother Gilley brought the message on "Believers Justified in Christ," after which Brother Wood made a talk on business, etc.

Sunday night the house was packed to overflowing. Brother Calaway Atkins brought the message and an altar call was made. Two prayed thru and received the Holy Ghost which paid us for all the cold and suffering we had. I am sure those who were present will not forget the convention soon. —Mrs. C. H. Asher, 601 Pershing St.

The Lord Is Blessing In Beaverville, Ga.

I feel impressed to tell how the Lord has been blessing here. I am a new subscriber for the Evangel but I never intend to do without it any more. This morning finds me still saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Glory to His sweet name! The Lord has been blessing at this place. We hadn't had any kind of a revival here for six years until last summer a man pitched his tent here and began a fight against the devil. Twenty were saved and a Baptist church was set in order with twenty-two members. About seventeen of these have claimed the Church of God and holiness. This preacher gave us the light on sanctification and God gave us the light on the Holy Ghost and the great Church of God. Glory to God! We don't take people's word for things at this place, but we read God's Word for ourselves. This is a good place for a Church of God. Since the revival two have received the Holy Ghost and one has been sanctified. Five have been saved at our prayer meetings. We fail not to assemble ourselves together. Several people have been prayed for and the Lord wonderfully healed them. This would be a good place for a Holy Ghost filled preacher to come and set a Church of God in order. The material is already here. Don't be afraid the saints here will not stand by you. As soon as warm weather opens up we are going to build a brush arbor and are expecting to have a great revival. Many are believing this way and are interested in it. Dear saints, pray much for this place that God will prepare us a place

A church was set in order with fifteen new members, several old members nearby to be transferred, and a few others were ready to join the last night of the services. Fourteen were baptized by the writer the last Sunday of the meeting which was a wonderful service.—E. L. Moore.

There Are Hungry Souls At Flohrville

SYKESVILLE, Md.—While reading Isa. 6:1-8 tonight my heart was made to rejoice. Praise the Lord! I love the way. For eight years I have been saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and walking the Highway of Holiness. The way grows brighter, although I am now living about two hundred miles from friends, relatives, the home of my girlhood and the dear spot where Jesus saved me from a life of sin and shame. There are no Church of God people any nearer than Baltimore that I know about and I haven't been in a Church of God service for six months. Since we moved from the eastern shore near Salisbury and Fruitland, Md., where I was and still am a member, I do miss being with the children of God to worship.

How glad I would be if the dear Lord would send some workers to this little village of Flohrville and that there would be a great revival here. There is a chapel in this village given by a Mrs. Flohr who had the deed written so that all denominations could worship there except Catholics. The Springfield state hospital and grounds front this village about two miles from Sykesville and twenty miles from Baltimore. There are hungry souls here. The folks who have charge of this chapel gave permission last Sunday for the item in the Evangel titled "Be Not Deceived" to be read at the close of the Sunday School by the writer. Pray, dear Evangel readers, that I might keep my little candle shining in this dark corner. How I hope that folks will see the sweet, pure life of the gentle Saviour and will give glory to Him who sitteth on the throne. For I saw also the Lord, sitting upon the throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Glory floods my soul.

Pray for my unsaved family, husband, grown daughter and son who have not made their peace with God. Also pray God to help me train my young children in the right way. Pray for the healing of my body. I am trusting God for our healing. We do not use medicine and the Lord has healed many times in our home. These eight years I have been entirely trusting in divine healing, for which I praise His dear name.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. W. F. Jenkins.

Strength In Weakness

"And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Cor. 12: 9, 10.

For as Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter and enjoy the sins of Egypt for a season, he chose the afflictions with God's people to obtain life eternal, so do I refuse the pleasures of this sinful world. I have been in this world over half a century and lived a sinful life until nine years ago when I went to hear holiness preached. It was like the song says, "When I first heard of holiness I thought it must be right; it seemed to fit the Bible and be the Christian's light." So I am glad today that I ever found the holiness way. I have had the blessed Comforter nine years and I am glad He still abides. It is lonesome to me living in this pine grove, no holiness people near this neighborhood, and my little fourteen year old boy in school. I have been in bed seven weeks. I have neuritis of the heart which causes nervous trouble. I am so weak I can hardly write. Many dear brethren come to my mind that I would like to receive letters from as I am not able to subscribe for the blessed Evangel at present. One dear brother I learn went home to God on high while I still linger on time's troubled shore. His life was soul food to me. That was Brother M. W. Letsinger. O how it thrills my being to write his name. His life meant so much to me, but I see his hand beckoning me to come home. The angels of the Lord encampment round them that fear Him. Dear saints, I am leaning on Him who died for all, according to Isa. 41:10, for I know when the dust worms shall eat my flesh I shall see my Lord for myself and not another. I am so nervous I will have to rest for this time. I started this piece several days ago, but I am glad He said, "In your patience possess ye your soul." Dear saints especially those who know me, please write me a few lines. — Your brother under the blood, C. F. Ballard, Strawberry Plains, Tenn., Rt. 3.

to worship, and that we might continue to grow in faith. Sometimes in our prayer meetings there is shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. Pray for me that I might ever stay humble till He comes or calls. — Your brother interested in lost souls, Earle Roberts, Rt. 3, Dalton, Ga.

The Lord Blessed In A Great Way

WINNSBORO, S. C. — Our revival lasted three weeks. We had the pleasure of having Sister Pauline Jackson and Sister Myrtle Whitehead with us. They did most of the preaching. The Lord blessed in a great way, much good was done. God blessed them in giving out the Word. There was much opposition. The devil got mad but in spite of that God was with us as He has promised He would be. There were twenty-four saved, eighteen sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and the Lord is still blessing over here. The young people have got their meeting started up again. They are getting along very good. We trust that the Lord will continue to bless them. Five have been added to the church since the meeting closed. We trust to have another revival soon, that God will give us a large number filled with the Holy Ghost. Well thank the Lord. I know He can do this for us and I believe He will.—Yours in the battle for the Lord, L. H. Powell.

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The Lord Is Still Blessing

The Lord is still blessing in Randolph county in spite of the hard times. The revival at Potash Church of God came to a close last Saturday night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. About ten were converted, about eight sanctified, six received the Holy Ghost. The weather was bad but the Lord blessed and encouraged the saints. Brother Smith is their pastor. He wasn't with us much of the time on account of his mother-in-law's bad condition. I believe Brother Smith is a good man. There are lots of good people around Potash. I surely did enjoy being in Brother B. L. Pencher's home. May God add His richest blessings to the home.

We are now in a meeting at Zion Church of God. The Lord is blessing our souls. No one has come to the altar but several have requested prayer. The meeting began Sunday night. Let all who read this pray for the Lord to send us a revival at this place. Pray for the Lord to have His way with me. If any one needs my help in Alabama or Georgia, let me hear from you. My home address is Gordo, Ala. Rt. 1.—Your brother in Christ, L. J. Potts.

MONTANA STATE ASSEMBLY Will Convene At Big Timber, Mont., June 20-24

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THE FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING Will Convene At Wimauma, Fla., June 4-14.

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TEXAS STATE CAMP MEETING Will Convene At Weatherford, Texas, August 6-16

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION Will Convene At Kannapolis, N. C. April 30th to May 3rd.

TENNESSEE STATE ASSEMBLY Will Convene At E. Chattanooga, Tenn., July 3-5.

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION Will Convene At Ravenna, Ky., June 4-7.

ALABAMA STATE CAMP MEETING Will Convene At Alabama City, Ala., July 15-26.

ALABAMA STATE ASSEMBLY Will Convene At Dora, Ala., May 29-31.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION Will Convene At Baldwin Park, Calif., May 8-10

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